First Sergeant Hector Bonilla, a native of Coamo, Puerto Rico, enlisted in the Army in August, 1994.

He has attended and graduated the Warrior Leaders Course, Fort Bragg, NC; Advanced Leaders Course and Senior Leaders Course, Fort Lee, Virginia; the United States Army Recruiter School, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Support Operations Course, Fort Lee, VA; The Joint Senior Leaders Course, Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; Battle Staff Course, Fort Bliss, Texas and the Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia.

First Sergeant Bonilla has served overseas in the Republic of Korea. His stateside assignments include two tours at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Dallas Recruiting Battalion, Dallas Texas and Special Operations Command South, Homestead, Florida. His deployments include two tours to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I and VI.

His duty positions include: 25th ID Senior Supply Sergeant, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Logistics NCOIC, Special Operations Command South, Homestead, Florida; Senior Supply Sergeant, 501st Sustainment Brigade, Camp Carroll, Korea; Senior Supply Sergeant, 325th Special Troops Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg North Carolina; Senior Supply Sergeant, 313th Military Intelligence Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg North Carolina; Senior Supply Sergeant, 3rd of the 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg North Carolina; Supply Sergeant Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3rd of the 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division; Army Recruiter, Dallas Recruiting Battalion, Dallas Texas.

His military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5th Award); Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award); Korea Defense Service Medal; Southwest Asia Bronze Star Medal (2 Bronze Stars); Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3; Combat Action Badge; Parachutist Badge and Gold Recruiter Identification Badge.